Brainstorming Civic Engagement Topics

Use this checklist to brainstorm ideas for civic learning and engagement projects, and to assess youth interest and feasibility. When choosing a topic for your project, be sure that all youth have an opportunity to actively participate in the decision. Once you have selected a topic, the next step is to formulate a driving question.

Types of Civic Engagement Projects	Student Interest (High, Medium, Low)	Potential Government Partners (Elected Officials, Government Agencies, or others)	Potential Community Partners (Community or Faith-Based Organizations, Local Non-Profits, Businesses, or others)	Resources Needed (Materials, Laptops, Recording Equipment, Data, etc.)
Direct Service Experiences (working with others to provide service directly)				
☐ Conducting a school beautification project				
☐ Planning and constructing a dog park on city property				
☐ Registering voters for an upcoming election				
☐ Improving access to healthcare				
☐ Other ideas?				

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Support or Indirect Service Experiences (raising money or goods in partnership with another organization, educating others to help contribute to a cause)				
☐ Educating children about obesity and nutrition in partnership with the school				
☐ Fundraising for a candidate, issue, or a cause				
☐ Sponsoring a soldier				
☐ Other ideas?				
Action or Advocacy (joining with others to express views and bring about change)				
☐ Demonstration				
☐ Petition				
☐ Letter writing campaign				

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☐ Public service announcement			
☐ Campaigning and/or lobbying for a candidate, issue, or cause			
☐ Other ideas?			

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